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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content <u>on</u> ~~in~~ a network comprising<u>:</u>

one or more servers configured to:

   generate an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer<u>, media files provided by more than one content provider being made available to said user computer via said network site using said interface</u>;

   define a set of metadata attributes relating to <u>said</u> media files<u>, each of said metadata attributes of the set</u> to be displayed in <u>a</u> specific location<u>s</u> in said interface;

   <u>receive</u> ~~compile~~ a plurality of media files <u>provided by said more than one content provider via the network, the received media files</u> for use with said interface;

   associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said <u>received</u> ~~plurality of~~ media files; and

   map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each of said <u>received</u> media files of said plurality<u>, the respective predetermined location for a given metadata attribute is a same location in said interface regardless of the content providers providing said received media files</u>.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the one or more servers are further configured to generate a media player interface for experiencing the media content.

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4.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network
comprising:
one or more servers configured to:
    associate metadata attributes from within a defined set of metadata
        attributes with a plurality of media files <u>provided by more than one</u>
        <u>content provider via said network</u>;
    utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an
        interface<u>, said interface generated at a site on said network, said</u>
        <u>media files being made available to a user computer via said</u>
        <u>network site using said interface</u>; and
    map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective
        predetermined location in said interface, such that each of said
        associated media attributes appears in its respective predetermined
        location in said interface for each of <u>said received</u> media file<u>s</u> of
        said plurality<u>, the respective predetermined location for a given</u>
        <u>metadata attribute is a same location in said interface regardless of</u>
        <u>the content providers providing said media files</u> ~~of media files~~.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 4 further comprising: a local database for storing
the metadata attributes.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A method <u>executable by at least one server</u> of providing
media content to a plurality of users over a network comprising:
compiling a data file that contains one or more unique identifiers which identify
        one or more media files;
determining whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given
        one of said plurality of users;

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in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determining a

sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding

to one or more media files based on an ordering of said unique identifiers

in the data file; and

in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determining

the sequence in which said user is to experience media content

corresponding to said one or more media files based on input from the

user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the

data file.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on some criteria.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is compiled manually.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the one or more media files are provided by more than one source.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content to a plurality of users comprising:

one or more servers configured to:

compile a data file that contains one or more unique identifiers which

identify one or more pieces of content;

determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a

given one of said plurality of users;

in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine

a sequence in which said user is to experience media content

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corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an
ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged,
determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media
content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based
on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said
unique identifiers in the data file.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is automatically
compiled.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the data file is
automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is compiled manually.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the one or more media files are
provided by more than one source.

17. (Currently Amended) A <u>tangible</u> computer-readable medium comprising
computer code for providing content to a user over a network, the computer code
to configure one or more processors to:
compile a data file that contains one or more unique identifiers which identify one
or more pieces of content;
determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one
of said plurality of users;
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine a
sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding
to said one or more pieces of content based on an ordering of said unique
identifiers in the data file; and

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in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file.

18.   (Cancelled)

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a title for the media file.

21.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a description for the media file.

22.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a duration for the media file.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise an expiration date for the media file.

24.   (Currently Amended) A method executable by one or more servers of providing media content in a network comprising the steps of:

generating an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer, media files provided by more than one content provider being made available to said user computer via said network site using said interface;

authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;

defining a set of metadata attributes relating to said media files, each of said metadata attributes of the set to be displayed in a specific locations in said interface;

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receiving ~~compiling~~ a plurality of media files <u>provided by said more than one</u>
<u>content provider via the network, the received media files</u> for use with said
interface, wherein said plurality of media files comprises only the user's
authorized media content;

associating metadata attributes with each of said <u>received</u> ~~plurality of~~ media files,
wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file; and

mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined
location in said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said
associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined
location in said interface for each <u>of said received</u> media file<u>s</u> of said
plurality<u>, the respective predetermined location for a given metadata</u>
<u>attribute is a same location in said interface regardless of the content</u>
<u>providers providing said received media files</u>.

25.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network
comprising<u>:</u>

one or more servers configured to:

generate an interface at a site on said network for display on a user
computer, said interface comprising a region to display media
content of a plurality of media files <u>provided by more than one</u>
<u>content provider and being made available to said user computer</u>
<u>via said network site, a region to display</u> selectable indicia
corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia
of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one
of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an
autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of
said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said
playlists is to be experienced using said interface;

define a set of metadata attributes to be displayed in specific location in
said interface;

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receive ~~compile~~ said plurality of media files <u>for use with said interface;</u>

associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each
of said <u>received</u> ~~plurality of~~ media files;

map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective
predetermined location in said interface, so that~~,~~ in said interface
for said user~~,~~ each of said associated metadata attributes appears at
its respective predetermined location in said interface for each
media file of said <u>received</u> ~~plurality of~~ media files <u>of said plurality,</u>
<u>the respective predetermined location for a given metadata</u>
<u>attribute is a same location in said interface regardless of the</u>
<u>content providers providing said received media files.</u>

26.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said autoplay function is
configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media
files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents
of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

27.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said user input
comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files
identified by a selected one of said playlists.

28.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing media content in a network
comprising<u>:</u>

one or more servers configured to:

associate metadata attributes from within a defined set of metadata
attributes with a plurality of media files <u>provided by more than one</u>
<u>content provider;</u>

utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an
interface for display on a user computer, said interface <u>generated at</u>
<u>a site on said network and</u> comprising a region to display media

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content of said plurality of media files, <u>a region to display</u>
selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region
to display indicia of each media file identified by a selected one of
said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an
autoplay function configured to control an order in which each
media file identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be
experienced using said interface; and

map each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective
predetermined location in said interface, such that each of said
associated media attributes appears in its respective predetermined
location in said interface for each <u>of said received</u> media file<u>s</u> of
said plurality of media files<u>, the respective predetermined location
for a given metadata attribute is a same location in said interface
regardless of the content providers providing said media files.</u>

29.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein said autoplay function is
configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media
files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents
of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

30.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein said user input
comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files
identified by a selected one of said playlists.

31.   (Currently Amended) A method <u>executable by at least one server</u> of providing
media content in a network comprising the steps of:

generating an interface at a site on said network for display on a user computer,
said interface comprising a region to display media content of a plurality
of media files <u>provided by more than one content provider and being made
available to said user computer via said network site, a region to display,</u>

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selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface;

authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;

defining a set of metadata attributes to be displayed in specific locations in said interface;

receive ~~compiling~~ said plurality of media files for use with said interface;

associating metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file;

mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to a respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for each <u>received</u> media file of said plurality<u>, the respective predetermined location for a given metadata attribute is a same location in said interface regardless of the content providers providing said received media files</u>; and

filtering said plurality of media files based on said user's authorization to access certain media content such that said user interface includes selectable indicia for only those media files corresponding to said certain media content.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

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33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
determining media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said one or more servers are further configured to:
determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

36. (Currently Amended) The <u>tangible</u> computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the computer code further comprises computer code to configure one or more processors to:
determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.